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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVING ON SHIPS IN COLOMBO

REF: A. COLOMBO 3043, B. KUALA LUMPUR 6618

1. NOW THAT GSL HAS TWICE REFUSED TO PERMIT INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES TO LAND FROM VESSELS ARRIVING AT COLOMBO, GENEVA
SHOULD SUGGEST TO UNHCR THAT IT SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO
COLOMBO TO DISCUSS WITH GSL ACTIONS IN CASE MORE VESSELS
ARRIVE IN FUTURE WITH INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ON BOARD.
UNHCR MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING REP FROM GENEVA OR REGION-
AL REP GOODYEAR FROM BANGKOK, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SRI
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2. REF A PARA 2 INDICATES THAT IN CASE OF CYS HOPE GSL
DID NOT ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND BECAUSE IT DID NOT WISH TO
GET INVOLVED. UNDERSTAND FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS
THAT GSL MAY BE WARY OF OFFENDING SRV AUTHORITIES. UNHCR
REP MIGHT WELL POINT OUT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY

ASYLUM WHICH HAVE RELATIONS WITH SRV, SUCH AS THAILAND AND MALAYSIA, HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO PROBLEMS WITH SRV BECAUSE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES.

3. WE ARE ALSO REPEATING TO GENEVA AND COLOMBO REF B,

RESPECTING SRV VIEWS OF REFUGEE EXODUS.

4. RE POINT RAISED REF A PARA 3, DEPT CONSIDERS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR UNHCR, NOT U.S., TO TAKE LEAD IN FURTHER APPROACHES TO GSL TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. DEPT THEREFORE DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE MATTER FORMALLY WITH GSL EMBASSY AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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